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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) Pearl lustre pigment according to Claim 1, characterized in that the material of high refractive index is TiO_2 , ZrO_2 , Fe_2O_3 , SnO_2 , ZnO or a mixture of these oxides or an iron titanate, an iron oxide hydrate, a titanium suboxide or a mixture and/or mixed phase of these compounds.

7. (Amended) Process according to Claim 5, characterized in that the precursor is titanium tetrachloride.

8. (Amended) Process according to Claim 5, characterized in that following drying of the material to be coated the layers are applied in a fluidized-bed reactor by CVD and/or PVD.

9. (Amended) Use of the pigments according Claim 1 for pigmenting paints, printing inks, plastics cosmetics, glazes for ceramics, and glasses.